

Minutes of the Study Session of the  
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL  
August 21, 2012

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Rodarmel; Mayor Pro Tem Plourde; Council Members Gordon, Murray; City Manager Britz; City Engineer Tow; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Project Manager Holwell; Planning Director Smyth; Finance Director Silva; Police Chief Laws; Administrative Analyst Apone; Interim City Clerk French.

Council Member Siegel arrived at 5:35 p.m.  
City Attorney Behrens arrived at 6:45 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no comment.

**DISCUSSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT III – LEMOORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Project Manager Holwell began the discussion on Economic Development Options by discussing the redesign of the website with a webpage for business resources in the City. City Manger Britz discussed the possible uses for an Economic Development Committee; an advisory group to audit City requirements or to examine business by business to determine incentives the City should offer.

After discussion, Council directed staff to look into several suggestions. Look at a city with a successful Economic Development Committee to use as a model. Solicit feedback from businesses operating in the City. Council would like to focus on an instrument to get feedback/critique from businesses. Discussion will continue.

**DISCUSSION – RAILROAD CROSSING AT DAPHNE/UPGRADES AT FOX ST., FOLLETT ST. AND LEMOORE AVENUE:**

Administrative Analyst Apone brought the Council up to date on the progress the City has made in opening a crossing at Daphne with additional safety upgrades at other crossings in the City. With no RDA funds available a budget adjustment would be necessary.

Discussion ensued about the need to complete Daphne, the General Plan and citizens' concerns about emergency vehicle response. The affect on local business, an addition of a crossing on the west side, and future development were also discussed.

**DISCUSSION – CEDAR LANE EXTENSION TO LEMOORE AVENUE:**

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson led the discussion on extending Cedar Lane. With the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue interchange, the closure of access to 198 from

Vine and increased traffic the need is elevated. Harry Tow, City Engineer, was available and answered questions from Council. Right of way requirements, Lemoore Avenue businesses, and the impact on the high school traffic were all discussed.

Council Member Murray excused himself from the discussion since Cedar Lane is so close to his home on Vine.

Council requested staff prepare the budget amendment to begin design for Daphne and Cedar Lane. They asked the staff report be written to include pros and cons with a more robust analysis.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:  
There was no comment.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:  
At 6:54 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding initiation of litigation and public employee appointment. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:28 p.m., Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL  
August 21, 2012

ATTENDANCE:  
Mayor Rodarmel; Mayor Pro Tem Plourde; Council Members Gordon, Murray, Siegel; City Manager Briltz; City Attorney Behrens; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Police Chief Laws; Finance Director Silva; Planning Director Smyth; Administrative Analyst Apone; Interim City Clerk French.

RECOGNITION – 2012 VOLUNTEENS:  
The Council recognized the Day Camp Volunteens and Sponsors.

URGENCY ITEM:  
City Manager Briltz requested that the Council add an urgency item to the Regular Session. The item came to the staff's attention after the agenda was posted and required action before the next Council meeting.

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Murray to add an urgency item to the Regular Session 4.5 pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2).

Ayes: Plourde, Murray, Gordon, Siegel, Rodarmel

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
There was no comment.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Council Member Gordon, seconded by Council Member Plourde, and carried that the Council approve the following Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval – Minutes – August 7, 2012
- B. Approval – Warrant Register 11-12 – August 17, 2012
- C. Approval – Warrant Register 12-13 – August 17, 2012
- D. Approval – Bid Award – 2012 Double Chip Seal Project/CIP Budget Amendment
- E. Approval – Budget Amendment – Rotary Park Water Feature - \$5,000

Ayes: Gordon, Plourde, Siegel, Murray, Rodarmel

#### APPROVAL – LETTER OF SUPPORT – AB 658:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Siegel and carried that the Council approve the letter in support of AB 658.

Ayes: Plourde, Siegel, Gordon, Murray, Rodarmel

#### DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Public Works Director Wlaschin invited everyone to a retirement luncheon for Jaime Sanchez on August 31<sup>st</sup> at noon in the Civic Auditorium. Jaime is a refuse driver who has been a City of Lemoore employee for 25 years.

Administrative Analyst Apone announced the CNG Station is operational but not complete. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Gordon could not understand the timing of the County moving to shut down the water feature when it's 100 degrees outside. He wanted to go on the record as expecting illogical actions like this from Sacramento or Washington DC, but he did not expect this lack of forethought from the County Seat.

Council Member Siegel wanted to thank the parks and recreation staff and Debbie Muro, the Superintendent of Lemoore High School District, and her staff for working together and honoring a joint use contract to facilitate use of the pool.

Mayor Rodarmel relayed a request for some shade at the play area at City Park #1. City Manager Britz will look into this. The Mayor also noted a recent fire in Hanford that started due to a palm that hadn't been trimmed properly. He has noted many trees throughout the City that need attention. He asked staff to look into enforcing any ordinance that would allow us to reduce the fire hazard.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Approved the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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Willard J. Rodarmel, Mayor

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Mary Jane French  
Interim City Clerk